



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2014 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 29, 2014
Schedule 15

PLEASE NOTE: February 7 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 6.

As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 29, 2014

HB 494 Delegate Summers, et al

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – BLADENSBURG ROAD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Colmar Manor for specified development or improvement purposes for the Bladensburg Road Economic Development Project, located in Prince George’s County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

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HB 495 Delegate Cullison, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – MELVIN J. BERMAN HEBREW ACADEMY**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$32,500, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy for specified development or improvement purposes for the Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; prohibiting the use of the loan proceeds or matching fund for sectarian religious purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 496 Delegate Cullison, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ANN L. BRONFMAN CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$125,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Jewish Council for the Aging of Greater Washington, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Ann L. Bronfman Center, located in Montgomery County; prohibiting the use of the loan proceeds or matching funds for sectarian religious purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 497 Delegate Tarrant, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – SKATEPARK OF BALTIMORE AT ROOSEVELT PARK**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Skatepark of Baltimore, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to the skatepark at Roosevelt Park, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 498 Delegate Bromwell**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY – KINGSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Kingsville Volunteer Fire Company for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Kingsville Volunteer Fire Company Community Hall, located in Baltimore County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 499 Delegate Gilchrist, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – INTERFAITH WORKS RESOURCE VILLAGE**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Interfaith Works, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Interfaith Works Resource Village, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 500 Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)**JUDGESHIPS – DISTRICT COURT**

Altering the number of associate judges of the District Court in specified districts; and making the Act contingent on the taking effect of another Act. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

CJ, § 1-603 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 501 Delegate Kaiser, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – SANDY SPRING VFD STATION 40 EXPANSION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Sandy Spring VFD Station 40, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 502 Delegate Gaines, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – HISTORIC GREENBELT THEATER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Greenbelt for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Historic Greenbelt Theater, located in Prince George’s County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 503 Delegate Barnes, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – LAUREL ARMORY–ANDERSON & MURPHY COMMUNITY CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Laurel for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Laurel Armory–Anderson & Murphy Community Center, located in Prince George’s County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 504 Delegate Dumais, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – POTOMAC COMMUNITY RESOURCES HOME**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Potomac Community Resources, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Potomac Community Resources Home, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 505 Delegate Gaines, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – NEW CARROLLTON PLAYGROUND AND OPEN SPACE PROJECT**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and City Council of the City of New Carrollton for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the New Carrollton Playground and related open space, located in Prince George’s County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 506 Delegate Gaines, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ART WORKS NOW PROJECT**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Art Works Studio School, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Art Works Now facility, located in Prince George’s County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 507 Delegate Lafferty, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY – TOWSON HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$30,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Towson High School Sports Boosters Club, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Towson High School Stadium, located in Baltimore County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 508 Delegate Hixson, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – BLACK BOX THEATER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Montgomery County for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Black Box Theater, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 509 Charles County Delegation**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – CHARLES COUNTY – SOUTHERN MARYLAND CAROUSEL PROJECT**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Southern Maryland Carousel Group, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Southern Maryland Carousel, located in Charles County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 510 Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Planning)**SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES TAX CREDIT PROGRAM – EXTENSION AND ALTERATION**

Extending and altering the Sustainable Communities Tax Credit Program; providing for a tax credit for the rehabilitation of small commercial properties; repealing a tax credit for qualified rehabilitated structures; altering the tax credit for high performance buildings; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

SF, § 5A-303 and Ch. 76 of the Acts of 2004, § 2 1.(h), as amended - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 511 Delegate Davis (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**STATE BOARD OF FORESTERS – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Continuing the State Board of Foresters in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law) by extending to July 1, 2025, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; and requiring that a preliminary evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Board be conducted in 2022.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

BOP, § 7-602 and SG, § 8-403(b)(21) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 512 Delegate Gaines, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – UNIVERSITY PARK COMMUNITY BUILDING**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of University Park for specified development or improvement purposes related to the University Park Community Building, located in Prince George's County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 513 Delegate Hammen, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF THE CHESAPEAKE**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake homes, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 514 Delegate Gaines, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – RIVERDALE WELCOME CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$400,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the CASA de Maryland, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Riverdale Welcome Center, located in Prince George’s County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 515 Garrett County Delegation**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – GARRETT COUNTY – CHRISTIAN CROSSING THRIFT SHOP**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$190,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Garrett Cooperative Ministry, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Christian Crossing Thrift Shop, located in Garrett County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; prohibiting the use of the loan proceeds or matching fund for sectarian religious purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 516 Allegany County Delegation**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ALLEGANY COUNTY – FRIENDS AWARE FACILITY**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Friends Aware, Incorporated for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Friends Aware Facility, located in Allegany County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 517 Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS – STATE WETLANDS LICENSES – BEST INTEREST OF THE STATE**

Requiring the Board of Public Works to operate in a specified capacity and to consider specified factors when determining whether to issue a specified wetlands license; authorizing the Board of Public Works to adopt specified regulations; establishing that the State holds State wetlands for specified reasons; establishing that the Board of Public Works has specified rights and discretion when issuing a specified license; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

EN, §§ 16-102 and 16-202(g)(1) and SF, § 10-401 - amended and SF, § 10-204.1 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 518 Delegate Jones, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY – YOUTH IN TRANSITION SCHOOL**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$350,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the National Center on Institutions and Alternatives, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Youth in Transition School, located in Baltimore County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 519 Charles County Delegation**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – CHARLES COUNTY – LIONS CAMP MERRICK**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Lions Camp Merrick, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to the septic system at Lions Camp Merrick, located in Charles County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 520 Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Business and Economic Development)**BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – FILM PRODUCTION ACTIVITY TAX CREDIT PROGRAM**

Increasing from \$7,500,000 to \$11,000,000 the amount of film production activity income tax credit certificates that the Secretary of Business and Economic Development may issue during fiscal year 2015.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, § 10-730(f)(1)(ii) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 521 Delegate Haddaway–Riccio, et al**FIREARMS – HANDGUN PERMIT REQUIREMENTS – HANDGUN QUALIFICATION LICENSE HOLDERS**

Requiring the Secretary of State Police to issue a handgun permit to a person who has been issued a specified handgun qualification license.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

PS, § 5-306(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 522 Delegate Krebs, et al**INCOME TAX – PERSONAL EXEMPTIONS – INFLATION ADJUSTMENT**

Increasing the amount of specified exemptions allowed under the State income tax for specified taxable years by a specified cost-of-living adjustment.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, § 10-211(c) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 523 Delegate Kramer, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – DANGEROUS DOGS – PENALTIES**

Increasing the fine for specified offenses relating to the possession of a dangerous dog from \$2,500 to \$5,000; and establishing a term of imprisonment, not to exceed 3 years, as a penalty for specified offenses relating to the possession of a dangerous dog.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CR, § 10-619 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 524 Delegate Bates, et al**INCOME TAX – EXPENSING OF BUSINESS PROPERTY AND BONUS DEPRECIATION**

Limiting to property placed in service before January 1, 2014, the applicability of Maryland income tax modifications for specified deductions for the cost of business property that is treated as an expense for federal income tax purposes; limiting to property placed in service before January 1, 2014, the applicability of Maryland income tax modifications for a specified additional depreciation allowance under the federal income tax for specified business property; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, § 10-210.1(b)(1) and (3) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 525 Delegate Fisher, et al**ESTATE TAX – QUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY – REPEAL OF RECAPTURE PROVISIONS**

Repealing provisions of law providing for the recapture of Maryland estate tax imposed on specified agricultural property under specified circumstances; applying the Act to decedents dying after December 31, 2013; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, § 7-309(c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 526 Delegate Smigiel, et al**SPEED MONITORING AND WORK ZONE SPEED CONTROL SYSTEMS – DAILY CALIBRATION AND VIDEO RECORDINGS**

Requiring a speed monitoring system and a work zone speed control system to undergo a daily rather than an annual calibration check that is kept on file and may be admitted as evidence in specified court proceedings; requiring a speed monitoring system and a work zone speed control system to produce a video recording of every violation for which a citation is issued; requiring a specified citation to contain specified information relating to the availability of a specified video recording; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, §§ 21-809(b)(4) and (d)(1) and 21-810(b)(6) and (d)(1) - amended and §§ 21-809(b)(5) and 21-810(b)(8) - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 527 Delegate B. Robinson, et al**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – EARNED SICK LEAVE**

Requiring specified employers to provide employees with specified earned sick leave; providing for the manner in which earned sick leave is accrued by the employee and treated by the employer; requiring an employer to allow an employee to use earned sick leave for specified purposes; requiring an employee, under specified circumstances, to request leave, notify the employer of specified information, and comply with specified procedures; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

LE, § 2-106(b) - amended and §§ 3-103(i) and 3-1201 through 3-1210 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 528 Delegate Krebs, et al**INCOME TAX – STANDARD DEDUCTION – INFLATION ADJUSTMENT**

Increasing the minimum and maximum limitation amounts of the standard deduction allowed under the State income tax for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014, by a specified cost-of-living adjustment; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, § 10-217(d) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 529 Delegate Malone**MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION – DRIVERS' LICENSES AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS – ORGAN DONOR DESIGNATION**

Requiring, rather than authorizing, the Motor Vehicle Administration to make a notation on a driver's license or identification card of an applicant who selects designation as an organ donor; requiring the Administration to notify specified applicants that a donor designation will remain effective until the applicant requests that the designation be removed; altering the manner in which a donor designation may be removed from a driver's license or identification card; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, § 12-303 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 530 Delegate Malone**VEHICLE LAWS – BICYCLES AND MOTOR SCOOTERS – OPERATION ON ROADWAYS**

Creating an exception to the prohibition against a person operating a bicycle or a motor scooter on a roadway where the posted maximum speed limit exceeds 50 miles an hour; and authorizing a person who is lawfully operating a bicycle or a motor scooter on a shoulder adjacent to a roadway for which the posted maximum speed limit exceeds 50 miles an hour to enter the roadway only if making or attempting to make a left turn, crossing through an intersection, or the shoulder is overlaid with specified directional markings.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, § 21-1205.1(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 531 Delegate Fisher, et al**HIGHER EDUCATION – COMMUNITY COLLEGES – BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMS**

Authorizing specified community colleges in the State to offer specified bachelor's degree programs and award bachelor's degrees; requiring specified bachelor's degree programs to include specified components; and requiring specified community colleges, in coordination with the Secretary of Higher Education, to adopt specified rules and regulations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

ED, § 10-210(b) - amended and § 16-109 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 532 Delegate B. Robinson, et al**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – DATABASE OF DIRECT ACCESS EMPLOYEES – ESTABLISHMENT**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish a database of direct access employees; requiring the database to include specified information on all direct access employees in the State; establishing the purpose of the database; requiring each adult dependent care program to submit to the Department, for inclusion in the database, specified information on each newly hired direct access employee and periodically update the information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HG, §§ 19-19A-01 through 19-19A-04 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 533 Delegate Zucker, et al**MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2012 –
MONTGOMERY COUNTY – WOODLAWN BARN VISITOR’S CENTER**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2012 to make the sole grantee for specified grants for the Woodlawn Barn Visitor’s Center the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission; extending the deadline to June 1, 2016, for the grantee to present evidence of a specified matching fund; providing that specified grants may not terminate before December 1, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Chapter 444 of the Acts of 2012, § 1(3) Item ZA02(BB) and Item ZA03(AO), as amended - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 534 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Emergency Management Agency, Maryland)****MARYLAND INTRASTATE HOSPITAL ASSISTANCE COMPACT**

Establishing the Maryland Intrastate Hospital Assistance Compact; establishing the requirements for entering into the Compact; providing for the purpose of the Compact; establishing the procedures by which a hospital may submit a request for assistance under the Compact; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

PS, §§ 14-8B-01 through 14-8B-03 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 535 Delegate Elliott, et al**VETERANS’ ORGANIZATIONS – INSTANT TICKET LOTTERY
MACHINES – USE OF PROCEEDS**

Altering the allocation of proceeds from instant ticket lottery machines operated by veterans’ organizations; requiring that a specified amount of the net after–payout proceeds be used to benefit a charity and that the remainder of the proceeds be used to further the purposes of the veterans’ organization; repealing a prohibition against using specified receipts from the sale of tickets from instant ticket lottery machines for a specified purpose under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

SG, §§ 9-112, 9-120, and 9-913 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 536 Delegate Rosenberg, et al**NANCY GRASMICK TEACHER AWARD AND WALTER SONDHEIM JR. PUBLIC SERVICE INTERNSHIP SCHOLARSHIP – QUALIFICATIONS**

Requiring the Office of Student Financial Assistance to assist in the repayment of specified higher education loans owed by recipients of a Nancy Grasmick Teacher Award who receive specified degrees from specified institutions of higher education; adding specified individuals who attended specified institutions of higher education and also graduated from specified high schools in the State to the list of individuals eligible for a specified repayment program; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

ED, §§ 18-1502, 18-1701, 18-1702, and 18-1704 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 537 Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PRETRIAL CONFINEMENT AND RELEASE OF CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS – INITIAL APPEARANCE AND REPRESENTATION BY THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER**

Requiring a District Court commissioner to conduct specified duties relating to an initial appearance of a defendant in accordance with specified court rules; requiring a person arrested to be presented before a District Court judge for a specified initial appearance under specified circumstances; requiring a person arrested to be presented before a commissioner for a specified initial appearance under specified circumstances; requiring the Office of the Public Defender to provide representation at a specified appearance; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015

CJ, § 2-607 - amended and CP, § 5-202.1 - added and § 16-204 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 538 Delegate Beidle, et al**TASK FORCE TO STUDY ISSUES RELATED TO THE USE OF SELF-DRIVING VEHICLES**

Establishing the Task Force to Study Issues Related to the Use of Self-Driving Vehicles; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to make specified determinations, review specified information, consider specified issues, and make specified recommendations related to the use of self-driving vehicles; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

TR, § 2-404 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 539 Delegate Rosenberg**TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE IMPLEMENTATION AND USE OF BODY CAMERAS BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Implementation and Use of Body Cameras by Law Enforcement Officers; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the procurement and use of body cameras by law enforcement officers; requiring a report on or before December 1, 2014; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 540 Delegate Beidle**MOTOR VEHICLES – MOTOR SCOOTERS AND MOPEDS – TITLING FOR NONRESIDENTS**

Authorizing a nonresident of the State to apply for a certificate of title for a motor scooter or moped if the nonresident certifies that the motor scooter or moped will be used principally in the State; and requiring a nonresident owner of a motor scooter or moped to certify at the time of titling that the motor scooter or moped will be used principally in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, §§ 13-101.1 and 13-104(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 541 Garrett County Delegation**GARRETT COUNTY – ENTERPRISE ZONE PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – EXTENSION**

Authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County to extend, by ordinance or resolution, the availability of a specified property tax credit available under a specified enterprise zone program for an additional 10 years; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

EC, § 5-707(d)(3) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 542 Delegate Luedtke**FAMILY LAW – PERFORMANCE OF MARRIAGE CEREMONIES**

Authorizing an individual authorized by a clerk of a circuit court to perform a marriage ceremony in the State; establishing that the authority of a specified individual to perform a marriage ceremony expires at a specified time; and authorizing the Court of Appeals to adopt rules to implement the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

FL, § 2-406 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 543 Delegate Nathan–Pulliam, et al**HEPATITIS C – OPPORTUNITY FOR TESTING AND FOLLOW-UP HEALTH CARE**

Requiring hospitals and specified health care practitioners who provide specified care in specified health care facilities to offer specified individuals a Hepatitis C screening test or a Hepatitis C diagnostic test; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HG, § 18-1003 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 544 Delegate Malone, et al**MOTOR VEHICLES – WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES – PROHIBITED ACTS**

Repealing provisions of law that apply prohibitions involving the use of a wireless communication device to specified operators of specified motor vehicles only if the motor vehicle is in motion; and providing that prohibitions against the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle apply only if the motor vehicle is in the travel portion of the roadway.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, §§ 21-1124 and 21-1124.2 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 545 Carroll County Delegation**CARROLL COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Carroll County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$20,000,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of specified public facilities in Carroll County and to effect such borrowing by issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 546 Delegate Rosenberg**HIGHER EDUCATION – JANET L. HOFFMAN LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM – MODIFICATIONS**

Altering the requirements for specified regulations adopted by the Office of Student Financial Assistance in the Maryland Higher Education Commission relating to the implementation of the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

ED, § 18-1503 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 547 Delegate B. Robinson**MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES – STUDY AND REPORT**

Requiring the Governor’s Office of Minority Affairs and the Office of Minority Business Enterprise in the Department of Transportation to conduct a specified study with specified parties on how the State can assist minority business enterprises in transitioning from subcontractors to prime contractors; requiring the Governor’s Office of Minority Affairs and the Office of Minority Business Enterprise to report to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 548 Delegate Beidle**CONDOMINIUM BOARDS OF DIRECTORS – MEMBERSHIP – PROHIBITION ON MARRIED COUPLES**

Prohibiting the qualifications established for members of a condominium board of directors from authorizing two individuals who are married to each other to serve as members of the board at the same time; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

RP, § 11-109(b) and (c)(13) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 549 Delegate Stukes, et al**GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – JUNETEENTH NATIONAL FREEDOM DAY**

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim June 19 as Juneteenth National Freedom Day.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

SG, § 13-413 and GP, § 7-409 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 550 Delegate Rosenberg**CHILD SUPPORT – INCOME TAX REFUND INTERCEPT – PRIORITY OF REQUESTS AND INFORMATION TO OBLIGEE**

Requiring specified arrearages collected through the Federal Tax Refund Offset Program to be applied in a specified order under specified circumstances; requiring the Child Support Enforcement Administration to provide information to an obligee who receives a specified refund; and requiring the Department of Human Resources to submit a report to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2014, regarding child support collection, why specified options have not been implemented, and the cost of implementing those options.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

FL, § 10-108.8 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 551 Delegate Smigiel, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – SPEED MONITORING AND WORK ZONE SPEED CONTROL SYSTEMS – REPEAL**

Repealing the authority of counties and municipalities in the State to use speed monitoring systems to enforce highway speed laws; repealing the authority to use work zone speed control systems to enforce highway speed laws within work zones; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, §§ 21-809 and 21-810 - repealed

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 552 Delegate Schuh (Chair, Anne Arundel County Delegation)**PUBLIC SAFETY – ANNE ARUNDEL COMMUNITY COLLEGE POLICE FORCE**

Establishing a police force for the Anne Arundel Community College; specifying the powers of an Anne Arundel Community College police officer; requiring the Board of Trustees of the Anne Arundel Community College to adopt specified standards and regulations; including a member of the police force of the Anne Arundel Community College in the defined term “police officer” in connection with provisions of law relating to the authority to make arrests; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CP and PS, Various Sections - amended and CP, § 2-101(c)(26), ED, § 16-407.2, and PS, §§ 3-101(e)(i)(ii)26. and 3-201(e)(1)(ii)22. - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 553 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Housing and Community Development)**

HOUSING – ENERGY-EFFICIENT HOMES CONSTRUCTION LOAN PROGRAM

Establishing the Energy-Efficient Homes Construction Loan Program; establishing the purpose of the Program; requiring and authorizing the Department of Housing and Community Development to perform specified duties; establishing the Energy-Efficient Homes Construction Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; requiring the Department to adopt specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

HS, §§ 4-2001 through 4-2006 - added and SF, §§ 6-226(a)(2)(ii)76. and 77. - amended and § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)78. - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 554 **Delegate Dumais, et al**

COMMISSION ON TAX POLICY, REFORM, AND FAIRNESS

Establishing the Commission on Tax Policy, Reform, and Fairness; specifying the membership of the Commission; providing for the appointment of a Senate cochair and House cochair of the Commission; providing for the staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving compensation but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Commission to study, consider, and make recommendations regarding specified matters; requiring a report on or before December 1, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 555 **Delegates Malone and Parrott**

VEHICLE LAWS – MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS ON HIGHWAYS

Increasing from 65 miles an hour to 70 miles an hour the maximum speed limit that may be established on specified highways in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, § 21-801.1(e) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 556 Delegate Hammen**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION – LOW INTENSITY SUPPORT SERVICES – FUNDING**

Lowering the funding cap on low intensity support services provided to specified individuals each fiscal year through the Low Intensity Support Services Program in the Developmental Disabilities Administration.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HG, § 7-717 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 557 Delegate Krebs, et al**TAXPAYER PROTECTION ACT – STATE INCOME TAX – CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ADJUSTMENTS**

Increasing specified State income tax rate bracket thresholds for taxable years after 2013 by a specified cost-of-living adjustment; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, § 10-105(e) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 558 Delegate Krebs, et al**INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – RETIREMENT INCOME (FAIRNESS IN TAXATION FOR RETIREES ACT)**

Including income from specified retirement plans within a subtraction modification allowed under the Maryland income tax for retired individuals who are at least 65 years old or who are disabled or whose spouse is disabled; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2013; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, § 10-209 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 559 Delegate B. Robinson, et al**STATE GOVERNMENT – HUMAN TRAFFICKING ADDRESS
CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM**

Requiring the Secretary of State to establish the Human Trafficking Address Confidentiality Program for victims of human trafficking; stating the purpose of the Program; establishing eligibility requirements of the Program; establishing application and participation requirements of the Program; requiring an applicant to provide a specified release and waiver of future claims against the State; prohibiting false statements in an application; establishing penalties for a violation of specified provisions of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

EL, § 3-505 - amended and SG, §§ 7-301 through 7-312 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 560 Delegate Bates, et al**TASK FORCE TO STUDY FEDERAL FUNDING IN MARYLAND**

Establishing the Task Force to Study Federal Funding in Maryland; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding specified matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 561 Delegate B. Robinson, et al**EDUCATION – TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE SUSPENSION OF
PREKINDERGARTEN STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Suspension of Prekindergarten Students in Public Schools; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding specified matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and specified committees on or before December 31, 2014; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 562 Delegate Howard, et al**ELECTION LAW – USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR MEETING AND CONFERENCE EXPENSES**

Including as an allowable expenditure of funds from a campaign account under the State election law a disbursement to pay for travel, lodging, meals, and registration expenses associated with attendance of an office holder or a candidate at meetings or conferences focused on legislative issues, process, or public policy analysis pertinent to the office the elected official holds or that the candidate seeks.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

EL, § 1-101(aa) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 563 Delegate Kramer, et al**CIVIL ACTIONS – PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH CAUSED BY DOG**

Providing that, in a civil action against a specified person for damages for personal injury or death caused by a dog, the common law that applied on January 1, 2012, shall be retained under specified circumstances; stating the intent of the General Assembly to abrogate the holding by the Court of Appeals in a specified case; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

CJ, § 3-1901 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 564 Delegate Olszewski**COMMERCIAL LAW – MARYLAND UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE – FUNDS TRANSFERS**

Altering the applicability of provisions of the Maryland Uniform Commercial Code governing funds transfers; providing that the provisions apply to a specified remittance transfer except under specified circumstances; and establishing that, in the event of an inconsistency between an applicable provision of the Maryland Uniform Commercial Code governing funds transfers and an applicable provision of the federal Electronic Fund Transfer Act, the federal law governs to the extent of the inconsistency.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CL, § 4A-108 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 565 Delegate Howard**VEHICLE LAWS – SPEED MONITORING AND WORK ZONE SPEED CONTROL SYSTEMS – RESTITUTION**

Requiring the District Court, if a person who was issued a citation for an alleged violation recorded by a speed monitoring system or a work zone speed control system prevails at a specified trial, to order the agency or police department that issued the citation to pay the person restitution of \$40.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, §§ 21-809(f)(5) and 21-810(f)(5) - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 566 Delegates Howard and V. Turner**MOTOR VEHICLES – AGGRESSIVE DRIVING**

Reducing from three to two the number of specified offenses that a person must commit at the same time or during a single and continuous period of driving that constitutes aggressive driving; and increasing the maximum criminal fine for aggressive driving to \$1,000.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, §§ 21-901.2 and 27-101(g) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 567 Delegates Bromwell and Kipke**PROCUREMENT – STATE VEHICLE FLEET – BIODIESEL OR BIOFUEL REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the requirement that the State ensure that at least 50% of the vehicles in the State vehicle fleet using diesel fuel use a blend of fuel containing at least 5% biodiesel or other biofuel; requiring that 100% of the vehicles in the State vehicle fleet, in specified years, use a blend of fuel containing at least a specified percentage of biodiesel or other biofuel; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SF, § 14-408 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 568 Delegate Dumais**CIVIL ACTIONS – AWARD OF ATTORNEY’S FEES AND EXPENSES**

Authorizing a court to award a prevailing plaintiff reasonable attorney’s fees and expenses in specified civil actions; authorizing a court to award attorney’s fees to a prevailing defendant only under specified circumstances; establishing the method of calculating specified awards of attorney’s fees; establishing that the limit on the liability of the State under the Maryland Tort Claims Act does not include a specified award of attorney’s fees and expenses; providing that a specified plaintiff is considered a prevailing plaintiff; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CJ, §§ 3-1901 and 3-1902 - added and SG, §§ 12-104(a)(2) and 12-109 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 569 Delegate Howard, et al**CAMPAIGN FINANCE – CASH CONTRIBUTIONS – LIMIT**

Increasing the maximum amount of cash contributions a person may make to campaign finance entities to \$100 in a calendar year; making clarifying changes; and providing for a delayed effective date.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015

EL, § 13-234 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 570 Delegate Dumais**ESTATES AND TRUSTS – ELECTIVE SHARE OF SURVIVING SPOUSE – AUGMENTED ESTATE**

Repealing specified provisions of law relating to a surviving spouse making an election to take a specified share of the net estate of the decedent instead of the property left to the surviving spouse under the will; providing that a surviving spouse is entitled to take a specified elective share amount of a specified augmented estate; providing for the determination of the value of an augmented estate and the marital property portion of an augmented estate; providing for payment of an elective share; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

ET, §§ 3-203 through 3-208 - repealed and §§ 3-401 through 3-413 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 571 Delegate Kaiser, et al**SCHOOL COUNSELORS – ROLE EXPANSION IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS**

Stating a goal of the State regarding a ratio of school counselors to students; requiring each local school system to develop and adopt a plan on or before December 1, 2016; requiring specified school counselors to spend a specified percentage of time performing specified activities; requiring each local school system to share resources and technology available for school counselors; requiring specified county boards of education to develop a transition plan using existing resources of a local school system; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

ED, § 6-122 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 572 Delegate Howard, et al**CRIMES – REQUIREMENT TO REPORT DEATH OR DISAPPEARANCE OF MINOR – PENALTIES (CAYLEE’S LAW)**

Requiring a parent or any other person who has permanent care or custody or responsibility for the supervision of a minor to notify, within specified periods of time depending on the age of the minor, the appropriate law enforcement agency that the minor is missing; requiring a parent or any other person who has permanent care or custody or responsibility for the supervision of a minor who has died to notify the appropriate law enforcement agency or medical authority within 1 hour of becoming aware of the death; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CR, §§ 3-610 through 3-612 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 573 Delegates Fisher and O'Donnell**CALVERT COUNTY – PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX – EXEMPTION**

Exempting from the Calvert County property tax specified personal property purchased by businesses from July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2017; exempting specified personal property from the Calvert County property tax beginning on July 1, 2017; providing that specified personal property remains subject to the Calvert County property tax; providing that specified personal property subject to a payment in lieu of taxes agreement shall be subject to the Calvert County property tax on the termination of the agreement; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

TP, § 7-402 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 574 Delegate Olszewski, et al**MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE – REPLACEMENT PARTS FOR DAMAGED MOTOR VEHICLES**

Prohibiting a specified adjuster, appraiser, insurance producer, or employee of an insurer from requiring a motor vehicle repair facility to use a specific vendor or process for the procurement of parts or other materials necessary for the repair of a motor vehicle; requiring an insurer that issues or delivers in the State a policy of motor vehicle liability insurance that provides coverage for the repair of physical damage to the insured motor vehicle to authorize specified repairs to be made using genuine crash parts; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

IN, § 10-503 - amended and § 27-908 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 575 Delegate Jacobs, et al**FARM AREA MOTOR VEHICLES – REGISTRATION AND AUTHORIZED USE**

Increasing from 10 to 25 miles the radius from a farm within which a person may operate on a highway a vehicle registered as a farm area motor vehicle; requiring an applicant for registration of a farm area motor vehicle to submit with the application specified federal tax documentation of active farming status; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

TR, § 13-935 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 576 Delegate Fisher, et al**SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION
ACT OF 2012 – DIMINUTION IN VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY –
COMPENSATION**

Requiring the State to pay just compensation to an owner of real property that experiences a diminution in fair market value as a result of specified land use or development restrictions; requiring a landowner to file a specified claim with the Department of Agriculture in order to apply for just compensation under the Act; requiring the Department to determine the amount of just compensation owed to a specified landowner in a specified manner; providing for the appeal of a specified determination; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

AG, § 2-1301 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 577 Delegate M. Washington, et al**TASK FORCE TO STUDY HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
FOR UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH – CONTINUATION,
MEMBERSHIP, STIPEND, AND DUTIES**

Altering the membership and duties of the Task Force to Study Housing and Supportive Services for Unaccompanied Homeless Youth; authorizing youth or young adult members of the Task Force to receive a specified stipend as compensation for serving on the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to issue its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly in a preliminary report on or before November 1, 2014 and in a final report on or before June 1, 2015; and extending to June 30, 2015 the termination date of the Task Force.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Chapters 544 and 545 of the Acts of 2013, §§ 1(c), (f), (g), and (h) and 2 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 578 Delegate Kramer, et al**DIVISION OF CORRECTION – REVOCATION OF DIMINUTION CREDITS – TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES**

Requiring the Division of Correction to revoke all of the good conduct diminution credits awarded when an inmate violates specified rules regarding a telecommunication device or knowingly possesses or receives a telecommunication device; and prohibiting the Division from restoring specified revoked diminution credits.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CS, § 3-709 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 579 Delegate Kramer, et al**COMMISSIONER OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY – AUTHORITY – ENFORCEMENT OF LOCAL MINIMUM WAGE LAWS**

Requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to enforce a local minimum wage law; specifying that the Commissioner has the same powers and duties in enforcing a local minimum wage law as the Commissioner has to enforce specified provisions of State law; authorizing the Commissioner, on the Commissioner's own initiative or on receipt of a written complaint, to investigate whether a local minimum wage law has been violated; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

LE, §§ 3-102 and 3-104 - amended and § 3-103(i) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 580 Delegate Kramer, et al**CONSUMER PROTECTION – SALES OF TIRES – LIMITATIONS AND REQUIRED NOTICE**

Prohibiting a merchant from selling a tire to a consumer in the State as a new tire if the tire is a retreaded, previously used, or recycled tire or was manufactured more than 3 years before the date of sale; requiring a merchant who sells a specified tire to a consumer to provide a specified notice and specified disclosure to the consumer relating to tire age and safety; establishing a penalty for a violation of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CL, § 14-1324 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 581 Delegate Kramer, et al**PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT APPEAL BOARD – MEMBER – SALARY**

Providing that a member of a property tax assessment appeal board is entitled to compensation at an hourly rate equal to \$40 per hour.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TP, § 3-105(c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 582 Delegate Beidle**LICENSED TREE EXPERTS – NOTIFICATION**

Requiring a licensed tree expert to provide specified notice to the Department of Natural Resources of the status of any company that engages in the business or work of the treatment, care, or removal of trees under the license and of the liability and property damage insurance carried by each company.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

NR, § 5-417 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 583 Delegate Davis**MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY – INVESTMENT AND RECOVERY LIMITS**

Repealing the definitions of “franchise” and “technology-based business”; making conforming changes to specified findings of the General Assembly, the purpose of the Equity Participation Investment Program, the authority of the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority, and the contents of a specified business plan; repealing specified distinctions in the amount the Authority may invest in specified enterprises using equity participation financing; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

EC, §§ 5-549, 5-550, 5-553, 5-556, and 5-557(a) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 584 Delegate Davis**DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAMS – LOCATIONS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the University of Baltimore jointly to identify the location of each drug abuse treatment program in the State and study and evaluate the economic impact of each program on surrounding businesses and residential neighborhoods; requiring the Department and the University jointly to report their findings under the Act to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2014; and terminating the Act after May 31, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 585 Delegate Barnes**VEHICLE LAWS – PROHIBITION AGAINST SMOKING IN VEHICLE CONTAINING YOUNG CHILD**

Prohibiting the driver of a motor vehicle in which a person who is under the age of 8 years is a passenger from smoking a tobacco product or allowing a passenger to smoke in the motor vehicle; establishing a fine of not more than \$50 for a violation of the Act; specifying that the Act does not apply to a mobile home under specified circumstances; specifying that a violation of the Act is not a moving violation for purposes of the assessment of points; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, §§ 21-1130 and 27-115 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 586 Delegate Beidle, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – HOSPICE OF THE CHESAPEAKE RENOVATION PHASE II**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Hospice of the Chesapeake Foundation, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Hospice of the Chesapeake facility, located in Anne Arundel County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 587 Delegate Waldstreicher, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY –
WARNER MANOR**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$400,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Warner Manor, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 588 Delegate Aumann, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY –
LUTHERVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY STATION EXPANSION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Lutherville Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Lutherville Volunteer Fire Company, located in Baltimore County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations